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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

REXFORD N. BARNIE

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Youngberg (US pat# 5,805,530).

Regarding claim 1, Youngberg teaches a communication system comprising of receiving a telephony signal that includes time of day data, extracting such information and transmitting such information to consumer product devices in (see fig. 2, col. 3 line 55-col. 4 lines 27 and col. 5 lines 3-10).

Regarding claims 3-4 and 13-14, Youngberg teaches transmission over a telephony network including any telephone switch and a cellular network in 9see col. 4 lines 2-11).

Regarding claims 6 and 16, Youngberg teaches being able to supply time of day information to consumer means including kitchen appliances in (see fig. 2).

Regarding claim 11, Youngberg teaches a communication apparatus with the claimed limitations in (see fig. 4.).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngberg (US pat# 5,805,530) in view of Gu et al. (US pat# 5,881,023).

Regarding claims 2 and 12, Youngberg fails to teach receiving the time of day information as part of ICLID to set one's time clock.

Gu teaches a communication system wherein one can receive caller Id information which would include time of day information and using that to set a time clock (see disclosure).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Gu et al. into that of Roberts thus making it possible to program network elements with time information without having to do so manually and saving time.

Claims 5, 7-10, 15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngberg.

Regarding claims 7 and 17, the examiner takes official notice that it's well known in the art to provide home networking or network consumer premise device over LAN including printers, computers and so forth.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Youngberg including its ability to transmit time of day information to any consumer devices without the need to manually set time data thus saving users time.

Regarding claims 5, 8-10, 15 and 18-20, Youngberg renders obvious the ability to use any network protocol in (see col. 4 line 1-12) commercially available and capable of transmitting telephony signals.

Claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youngberg (US pat# 5,805,530) in view of case (US pat# 2005/0071872).

Regarding claims 7 and 17, Youngberg fails to teach the claimed limitation but Case teaches a time of day information correction wherein time of day information can be transmitted to a media center in (see fig. 3 and section 0041 of page 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of case into that of Youngberg thus making it possible to correct or set time of day information without having to do so manually which can save a user the time of having to do so.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **REXFORD N BARNIE** whose telephone number is 571-272-7492. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CURTIS KUNTZ can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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